

Mink

Mink pelt production in Utah during 2000 totaled 590,000 pelts, a decrease of 60,000 pelts from 1999. The number of females bred to produce kits in 2000 was 163,000, up 4.5 percent from the previous year. Utah ranked second in the nation in mink pelt production in 2000.

Standard, at 221,000, was the most common type pelt produced followed by Mahogany with 220,000. Demi-

Buff was third with 51,000 pelts produced. In 2000 there were 90 mink farms in Utah, 20 farms fewer than 1999.

Leading mink producing counties, Utah and Morgan, produced over 66 percent of all pelts taken. Other leading counties were Cache, Summit, and Salt Lake.

Mink: Number of Ranches, Pelts Produced, Females Bred, Average Price & Value, Utah and United States, 1993-2000

Year	Utah			United States				
	Ranches Producing Pelts	Pelts Produced	Females Bred	Ranches Producing Pelts	Pelts Produced	Females Bred	Average Marketing Price	Value of Pelts
	Number 1,000	Number 1,000	Dollars	Million Dollars
1993	140	600	170	523	2,620.3	714.5	34.10	89.3
1994	130	530	165	484	2,623.2	726.2	33.00	86.6
1995	130	570	162	478	2,803.1	727.9	53.10	148.8
1996	130	585	167	449	2,783.2	703.1	35.30	98.2
1997	125	670	185	452	2,993.3	749.7	33.10	99.1
1998	115	675	175	439	2,938.2	733.3	24.80	72.9
1999	110	650	156	398	2,812.5	672.7	33.70	94.8
2000	90	590	163	351	2,666.1	664.9	34.00	90.6

Mink: Pelts Produced in 2000 and Females Bred for 2001, by Type, Utah and United States

Type	Pelts Produced 2000		Females Bred To Produce Kits 2001	
	Utah	United States	Utah	United States
	Number			
Standard	221,000	951,300	59,200	248,800
Ranch Wild	*	136,900	*	22,700
Demi- <u>B</u> uff	51,000	95,600	12,300	17,700
Pastel	*	45,800	*	11,300
Pale Brown	*	7,500	*	2,500
Sapphire	20,000	133,800	5,600	35,100
Gunmetal	34,000	461,500	8,500	111,000
Mahogany	220,000	707,900	46,800	139,900
Pearl	*	43,900	*	12,800
Lavender Hope		4,500		1,500
Pink		700		900
Violet Type	*	8,500	*	3,200
White		66,500		22,500
Miscellaneous		1,700		300
Total	590,000	2,666,100	145,000	630,200

* Included in other states in each respective color class to avoid disclosing individual operators. 1/ Demi-buff includes crossed of dark brown, violet, pastel, standard, pearl or others.